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Alabama Convention.

MONTGOMERY via Augusta, September 22.
The State Convention today passed an Ordinance abolishing slavery by a vote of eighty-nine to three. It also adopted an amendment to the Constitution crasing all provisions relative to slaves, making it the duty of the Legislature at its next session to pass the necessary laws to protect the Freedmen in their persons and property, and to guard the State against the evils which may arise from their sudden emancipation.

Literary Gossip.

The Harpers have issued the sixteenth edition of Major Nichols' "Story of the Great March." It contains General Sherman's own corrections of his official reports contained in the Appendix—one of the omissions making a serious difference in the sense of an important passage, where the words "General Government" were misprinted "General Grant" in the earlier editions. A voluminous report from General Easton, Quartermaster-General of Sherman's army, and a full index, have also been added.

A. K. Loring, of Boston, has issued a fresh war story, entitled "Standish," the plot of which is localized in Boston. It is a readable book.

Martin F. Tupper writes to the London Athenaeum a protest against literary forgeries, instancing a poem entitled "Portrait of a Pansyist," in which his name was fraudulently attached. He adds a paragraph which contains a new joke for them: "viperation; I'm used to it, and take it as good-nature, though perhaps not always so intended."

The London Athenaeum observes that "critics have long been at war as to the power of the hand to baffle the power of sight, by work almost instantly minute. Optical work is exceedingly delicate, a thousandth part of an inch being quite a considerable space. Mr. Ruskin asserted, and Mr. Kingley proved, that Turner's dots and lines were finer than the finest work done upon such lenses as those of Lord Rosse's telescope. By-and-by the sun may be able to distance even the artist's pencil in producing small and yet perfect work."

A friend has sent to us from Melbourne a copy of the Colonial Land Act of 1865, done in the photographic department of the Land Office in that city, so minute as to be scarcely visible to the eye, the whole fifty-two pages, folio, being printed on a bit of paper about the size of a bank-note. This is a fine product of the work of a camera.

Mr. H. W. Fricke has just published in London a volume of poems which he calls "A Quarter of a Century," giving the odd reason for choosing this title that he "has been acquainted with the gentleman to whom it is dedicated for five-and-twenty years."

An international scholastic competition is proposed by the French Government. M. Duruy, Minister of Public Instruction, recently took occasion, while addressing the professors and pupils of the schools of Paris and Versailles, at the annual distribution of prizes, to announce that the Emperor had determined that the results of education should have place beside the work and industry at the coming Universal Exhibition. "I warn you, then, future laureates of the general competition of 1867," said M. Duruy, "that your works, whatever they may be, will be sent to the committee of the Universal Exhibition. If Germany, England, Italy, and other powers will follow our example, and on like conditions, we shall see who is in best course." And further on the Minister added:

"While the immense edifice is being erected which is to encase all the marvels of industry, the Emperor desires to see another temple raised by able hands for the genius of France. The sciences, arts and letters, recounting their progress and history for the last twenty years, showing what theories they have produced, what ideas they have given birth to, what facts they have discovered or explained, what new forms of imagination or of art they have produced—in a word, what France has thought, set aside by side with what she has done, will be a noble exhibition, full of interest as regards the past, and rich in promise for the future; for the future leans on the past in order to raise itself higher, and can only make the most of the support by thoroughly understanding it. If other nations will imitate our example, the moral exhibition will be worthy of the material show, and have the same happy consequences."

CONFEDERATE IN MEXICO.—Private letters from Mexico tell us of the arrival in Mexico City of large numbers of Confederate officers. Among them are Gen. Jack Magruder, Gen. Sterling Price, Gen. Stephens, late chief engineer in Lee's army; Gov. Trusten Polk, Gov. Allen, of Louisiana; Gov. Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee; Judge Perkins, of Louisiana; Gen. Leadbetter, Gen. Wilcox, Judge Watkins, Colonel Semmes, Colonel Amador, Colonel Devlin, Major Kimmel, Major Mordecai, Captains Carroll, Wood, Cagle, Adams, of Missouri; Moore, of Alabama; Thompson, of Johnston's staff, and Gregory. Lieutenant Maury has been appointed to the Observatory in Mexico. Gen. Stephens has charge of the San Luis Potosi railroad. Messrs. S. Barron and H. Meade, of Morgan's Cavalry, have applied for lands to settle on permanently. Gen. Shelby and his command have remained in the Northern departments of Mexico; and the belief in Mexico City was that they will be accepted into the French service.—N. Y. Journal.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE DANVILLE RAILROAD.—A. S. Buford has been elected President of the Richmond and Danville (Va.) Railroad, over Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, by a majority of 551 of the stockholders' votes. His salary is \$4500. It was prematurely announced a few days ago that Gen. J. had been chosen, but it would, it is alleged, have been chosen by a decided majority but for the fear that it might not be acceptable to the Government.

Terrible Ravages of Cholera at Constantinople.

TWENTY THOUSAND VICTIMS IN THE SULTAN'S CAPITAL—MAMOMMEDAN PRAYERS OFFERED TO AVERT THE PLAGUE.

The State Department is in receipt, this morning, of intelligence from the United States Consul stationed at Constantinople, dated August 13, in which he says:

"I am happy to be able to report some abatement in the ravages of the cholera, which has been unusually virulent and malignant here for more than a month, causing almost an unprecedented panic among the inhabitants of Constantinople and vicinity. It is estimated that the victims of this direful scourge already number twenty thousand, and the number of deaths in a single day having reached one thousand."

"It is said that probably two hundred thousand of the terror-stricken inhabitants have left the city. Business has been almost entirely suspended, and many places of business are closed."

"Among the Mussulmen population nightly processions permebrate the streets, chanting hymns and prayers for the averting of the scourge. Among the Greek population the fright has almost resulted in a famine—bakers refusing to make bread, butchers to kill meat, and grocers to sell provisions. The panic among the masses is out of all proportion to the danger.—Washington Republican, 18th inst."

THE NEW FRENCH BREACH-LOADING RIFLE AND MILITARY COSTUME.—The London Daily News correspondent, writing from the camp at Chalons, says:

"I have just seen the new breech-loading rifle, which has been decided upon as the future arm of the French infantry. It is an admirable weapon. The bore is about the same as our long Enfield. The breech is opened by the most simple method, and I should say was next to impossible to get out of order. The barrel is pulled away, as it were, from the person who holds it, and pulled back in an instant. It can be loaded and fired with the greatest ease from thirty-one to thirty-three times in a minute. The bayonet it will have is to be the sword bayonet, the same as now used by the Chasseurs a Pied and the Zouaves."

A new head-dress is also about to be issued to the infantry. It is a very low shako, much the same make, shape and height as that worn by Lord Ranelagh and the South Middlesex Volunteers; but it is made of scarlet cloth, and is most comfortable and convenient to wear. With this and the scarlet knickerbockers, the lengthy leggings, and the loose blue tunic, the Emperor has certainly managed to make his new uniforms as near the best dressed in Europe; and they will certainly be the best armed with the new breech-loaders they are now to have."

INDIA—THE BHOOTAN ULTIMATUM.—The Government of India has sent an ultimatum to the Rajah of Bhootan. The Rajah sent a letter from Simla threatening the Bhootans with an advance of our force in the cold weather to wipe out the insults suffered by the Mission. The letter was altogether so benevolent and restrained in its tone, so like the dignified dispatches which one civilized Power would address to another in such circumstances, that it is quite misunderstood by these savages of the hills. This misunderstanding has to the extent of our power and the depth of our weakness must have been increased in their eyes by the disasters at Dewangiri and in front of Bala, and by the miserable conclusion of the cold weather campaign. But the Rajah has now been informed that unless he makes the most humble submission, yields to all our demands, and gives guarantees for the future, we shall march to Poonah and lay it low next November. In any case we are prepared to march a force of three thousand Sepoys and one thousand Europeans from Buxar up the valley of the Chincha to Poonah and Tassien—then the capital of the Bhootans. The Rajah's letter seems to be much too large, for the Commissariat officers have calculated that, in a hilly country where men must go in single file over unbridged, and in one case unfordable rivers, no less than 13,000 coolies will be required. It is true that most of our great failures hitherto have arisen, as Sir Hugh Rose prophesied, from our attacking our enemy; but surely a force of 500 Europeans and a Gorkha regiment 680 strong would be sufficient. At least such is the opinion of military men here, and of all the officers who know the country. It is well that an end seems to be at hand, so sad is the state of our troops posted in the mountains of the Deccan and the hills of the north, below which is received the drainage of the hills. Correspondents on the spot write most depressing accounts, which are more than borne out by the officers, who pass sick through Calcutta on their way home."

THE GUANO SUPPLY.—A recent lecturer on Guano and the Guano Islands, before the royal agricultural college, says: "It is now twenty-two or twenty-three years since the first crop of Guano was imported from the China Islands, on the coast of Peru. These islands comprise three rocks, the joint area of which is under three thousand statute acres; and the quantity of guano still upon these rocks is commonly estimated at fifteen millions of tons, valued at more than one hundred millions of money." His brother had visited the Guano Islands last year, and, as to the result, we have the following statement: "His account of these islands is totally different from any I have ever yet seen published, for instead of the guano being exhausted in eight or ten years, which most writers assert, he says that the supply, comparatively speaking, is inexhaustible, the beds of guano being in many places more than one hundred feet thick, and two of the three principal islands being yet untouched."

On climbing the cliffs an innumerable quantity of skeletons of large marine animals were presented to his view, such as those of the seal and walrus or sea-horse, striking up out of the surface in such quantities that the place appeared to be completely white all over. Passing along over the island he could scarcely make a step without his foot breaking through into a hole in which the guano bird makes its nest. These holes extend five or six yards into the bed of the guano, and the birds are continually occupied in fetching fish from the sea to feed their young ones. The number is so immense that the air seems completely alive with their incessant noise. By this account it seems that guano is not an excrementitious matter, as we have hitherto been led to suppose, but consists of a considerable amount of decomposed animal matter, in addition to the excrement of birds. It is evident from this brief sketch that the supply of guano will be at present by no means limited."

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.—Hon. Paul Dillingham, who has been elected Governor of Vermont, was one of the old line Democrats, and in years past was run by them, of course unsuccessfully, for Governor. The Democratic papers have had some fun out of him in the canvass. They have exchanged a letter from him to John B. Floyd, Mr. Buchanan's Secretary of War, asking an opportunity to buy the Fort Snelling property in Minnesota. He says he wants to remove from Vermont, "where genuine democracy is so poorly thought of by the great colored party who rule, and always will here." He refers the Secretary to several gentlemen who, he says, "will vouch for me as a man standing well wherever known."

NEW ORLEANS, September 17.—Two-thirds of the people of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, are in a destitute condition, and an appeal has been made to Gen. Canby, who has ordered immediate relief. A serious row occurred on Rocket's grounds between the whites and negroes on Sunday, and fears of another outbreak next Sunday have been prevented by a military order.

General Swayne, of the Freedmen's Bureau, in Alabama, alluding in a circular to the impression prevailing among negroes that plantations will be parcelled amongst them at the beginning of the next year, tells them they need not hope for anything of the sort, but must go to work and behave themselves.

A company of forty-three women recently attempted to flee from the bonds of Mormonism in Utah, but they were overtaken and carried back to their masters.

CINCINNATI, September 16.—R. Ellis, Jr. & Co., bankers, failed yesterday, owing to heavy losses in gold transactions.

A Mississippian's Speech—He goes in for Jones County.

One sturdy man in the Mississippi State Convention—a delegate named Crawford, from Jones county—made his mark as an original talker. One of his speeches was as follows:

"Mr. President—Sir: I have come up here to express the feelings of my constituents on the great subject. I come up here, sir, to represent my constituents where I come from. People hoot and wink up the streets, and say, 'these gossamers—back from Jones'; but, sir, I have no prejudices; I am disposed to treat my enemies in a more Christian, a more missionary spirit than they treated me. I am a mossy-back, sir, and I stand here to-day to represent the county of Jones, otherwise known as 'the free State of Jones.'"

"But let not people think to insult me with impunity. I love a dog for his faithfulness, but the yelping of puppies I despise. People said that the county of Jones, 'the free State of Jones,' seceded from the Union. Yes, sir, it did secede from the Confederacy, and sir, we fought them like dogs. We killed them like devils, we buried them like asses—yes, like asses, sir! My people down there in the county of Jones did, in their sovereign capacity, did secede, and did become mossy-backs, sir. We did fight them like dogs and will kill them like hellions—like hellions, I say, sir. But I didn't come up here to gas, sir, and I surrender my rights to the floor, sir, expressing only the one sentiment, that I stand up for the county of Jones in general; yes, sir, I am for Jones all the time."

At another time, referring to the opposition to the Constitutional Amendment because it did not provide for compensating slave-owners, Mr. Crawford said:

"The principle of the opposition to the section introduced in the report of the committee seems to be remuneration. I agree to that amendment, were it broad enough, but in the essential all the provisions fall short. These provisions have only aimed at the remuneration to certain classes who have heretofore been the owners of African slaves, while I, Mr. President, represent women and children of the Caucasian race whose cries are now ascending my down-trodden county for bread. Yes, sir, in my suffering county of Jones, to-day, the wails of three hundred and eighty widowed women and thirty-four children are ascending before the God of right, and appealing in tears to the powers above for relief. In the midst of the sad fact, it appears that the entire sympathies of this body are directed to that class who are presumptively suffering from the passage of the section under consideration. I appeal, in honesty, to this convention to remember the white race, and not to be wholly absorbed in the African."

ARAGO.—A monument erected to the memory of the celebrated physicist, astronomer and statesman, Arago, has been raised at Perpignan, his birthplace, the village Estagel being within a short distance from that city. His son, Mr. Emmanuel Arago, not less distinguished as a historian than as an able and able participant in the revolution of 1848, was invited to attend the inauguration of the monument, but declined, upon the ground that the high character of his father as an ardent patriot and republican statesman had been ostensibly ignored in the programme of the ceremony, which was consequently not in accordance with the scientific genius of his father could not be separated from his zealous advocacy of progress and liberty. The authorities of Perpignan were, no doubt, anxious to render all due honor to the national services of their illustrious fellow citizen, but were prevented from doing so by instructions from headquarters, Louis Napoleon being not only jealous of living great men, but also of the influence of the dead. A might militate too forcibly against his popularity to parade the fact before the people that Arago, one of the foremost men of European science, was also foremost in his opposition to the empire.

TO THE BOTTOM.—A telegraphic dispatch to the assistant superintendent of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad received yesterday, states that an engine had been wrecked on the Cape Fear River, went to the bottom of that stream while attempting to bring it over in a flat-bottomed boat. Its weight pushed the bottom out of the boat, and the engine went down in ten feet of water. It is said that it will be fully two weeks now before it can be raised and made ready for use again.—Wilmington Herald, 21st.

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